REMARKS

The proposed new Claim 48 provides an alternative definition of the invention within the scope of the application without adding any new matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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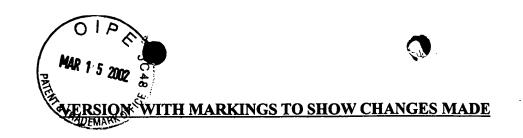
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